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1. There is a dirt road between Kushka (N35-16, E62-17) and Margonovka (N35-17, E62-20), which is seven kilometers east of Kushka. The road has three lanes and can be used by heavy truck traffic, except when it rains.
2. From Margonovka to Chaymen i Bed (N35-27, E62-24) the road is similar to the one from Kushka to Margonovka.
3. From Chaymen i Bed to Kalai Mor (N35-39, E62-35), which is 60 kilometers from Kushka, the road and travel conditions are similar to the roads previously mentioned, except that the road is gravel-topped in some sections.
4. Eastward from Kalai Mor the road is merely a trail, but it can be travelled in rainy weather.

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5. The main road leading north from Kalai Mor to Tashkepristroy (approximately N35-60, E62-40) is better than any of the roads mentioned previously. The road, which has a gravel surface, is wide enough to permit two-lane traffic.

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6. [REDACTED] the road from Kushka to Mary (N37-36, E61-50), is a distance of 300 kilometers. [REDACTED] it is a gravel road, and is kept in good condition. Reasonable speeds can be maintained while driving on this road.

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1. Ashkhabad (N37-57, E58-23) is the Turkmenistan Military District headquarters of the frontier guard detachments. It is commanded by Genleyt VELIKANOV (fnu),  
[redacted]  
[redacted] Tank, infantry, and aviation units are located in and around Ashkhabad, [redacted]
2. Ashkhabad itself was entirely destroyed by an earthquake in 1948. Now only (sic) military personnel are in the town, most of them belonging to tank units. In 1949 [redacted] eight tank columns moving from Bakharden to Ashkhabad; each column comprised 40 tanks and vehicles. Late in 1949, [redacted] more tank units were sent to Ashkhabad.
3. Takhta Bazar (N35-57, E62-55) is the location of the 68th detachment, which is under the Ashkhabad Headquarters.
4. Kushka (N35-16, E62-17) is the location of border guard command #2 of the 68th border guard detachment; it is subordinate to the detachment headquarters at Takhta Bazar. There is also a "mixed" division stationed at Kushka which includes infantry, artillery, cavalry, and tank units.
5. Islim (N35-24, E62-09) is the location of border guard post #6, which is under the jurisdiction of command #2 at Kushka.
6. At a point seven kilometers south-southeast of Kushka, border guard post #7 is located; it is under the jurisdiction of command #2 of the 68th detachment at Kushka.
7. Border guard post #8 is located at N35-13, E62-23; it is under the jurisdiction of command #2 of the 68th detachment at Kushka.
8. Border guard post #9 is located east of post #8, four kilometers west of the Afghan border; it is under the jurisdiction of command #2 of the

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68th detachment at Kushka.

9. Border guard post #10 is located twelve kilometers east of post #9; it is subordinate to command #2 of the 68th detachment at Kushka.
10. Bakharden (N38-27, E57-25) is the headquarters of the 71st border guard detachment; the supply center for the detachment is the Geok Tepe railroad station. The commanding officer of the headquarters is Col. KHOROSHEV (fnu), and Lt. Col. PEPELAYEV (fnu) is chief of staff. The 71st detachment is called the "Maneuver Group"; it is a mechanized transport unit.
11. Kara Kala (N38-27, E56-18) is the location of command #1 of the 71st detachment.
12. Kaine Kasir (N38-14, E56-56) is the location of border guard post #10 and the border guard command #2 which is under the jurisdiction of the 71st detachment at Bakharden.
13. Daniyeh (38-13, E57-06) is the location of border guard post #11, which is under the jurisdiction of command #2 at Kaine Kasir.
14. Arvaz (N38-15, E57-09) is the location of frontier post #12 under the jurisdiction of command #3 at (N38-19, E57-19) of the 71st detachment. The post occupies high ground, which slopes downward to the Iranian border; to the northeast of the post is Mt. Tagaryova, with an elevation of 7,425 feet. The post is flanked by pillboxes, one at the northeast corner, one at the west side, and another south of the post. The commanding officer of the post is Lt. SHVAITZBERG (fnu).
15. Almadzhik [ ] is the location of border guard post #13, which is under the jurisdiction of command #3 of the 71st detachment. The commanding officer of the post is Senior Lt. DOLBANYA (fnu).
16. Border guard post #14 is located at N38-19, E57-09; it is subordinate to command #3 of the 71st detachment.
17. Prokhladnaya [ ] is the location of border guard post #15 under the jurisdiction of command #3.<sup>2</sup>
18. Syulyukly (N38-04, E57-24) is the location of frontier post #16 under the jurisdiction of command #4 at Germab. The post is walled and occupies an area approximately 100 meters by 100 meters. Pillboxes are not detached from the post, but are an integral part of the wall; they are the same size as pillboxes at other frontier posts. The present post was built to replace the former one, which is now in ruins, and which occupied the site of a village which had been abandoned. During the grazing season, the abandoned village and post is used for housing the cattle. The commanding officer of the post is Lt. NOVIKOV (fnu).
19. Mergen Ulya (not located) is the location of border guard post #17, which is under the jurisdiction of command #4 of the 71st detachment based at Germab.
20. Germab (N38-00, E57-44) is the location of border guard post #18, and the command #4 of the 71st detachment. The commanding officer of the post is Capt. KRUTSKIKH (fnu).
21. Khurabad (N37-52, E57-52) is the location of border guard post #19, which is under the jurisdiction of command #4 based at Germab.

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22. Chaek (N37-36, E58-04) is the location of frontier post #20 which is under the jurisdiction of command #4 of the 71st detachment based at Germab. The post covers an area of 100 meters by 100 meters. Pillboxes of a size sufficient to hold 12 men are situated at each corner of the post. The commanding officer of the post is Capt. ZIKEVSKIY (fnu).
23. Firyuza (N37-55, E58-04) is the location of border guard post #21, which is under the jurisdiction of command #4 of the 71st detachment at Germab. The commanding officer of the post is Sr. Lt. PETROV (fnu).

1.  Comment. VELIKANOV has also been received as VILIKANOV, and VULLIKANOV.
2.  Comment. Prokhladnaya, which is given without co-ordinates, may be Prokhladnyy (N38-08, E57-23).

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1. Border Guard units are broken down in the following fashion:

- a. At the top of the structural division is the military district.
- b. Under the authority of the military district is the detachment, which has a complement of from 300 to 350 men.
- c. Subservient to the detachment is the command, which has a strength of from 70 to 80 men. This includes the 51 men who make up the administrative and staff personnel of the command itself. Four commands comprise a detachment.
- d. Under the command is the frontier post, which has a listed strength of 51. A frontier post generally has about 46 enlisted men, among whom are one senior sergeant, four or five sergeants, and an assistant to the senior sergeant. The remaining personnel are officers, of either the first or second category. The difference between the officer categories is that a first category officer is qualified as a political officer, and gives political lectures at the frontier post. A post commanded by an officer of the first category will be headed by three officers; if commanded by a second category officer, the post will be headed by two officers.

2. The pay rates of border guards and officers are:

- a. A private in his first year of duty receives 30 rubles a month.
- b. A private with two years of service receives 50 rubles a month.
- c. A sergeant without a specialty receives 50 rubles a month.
- d. A sergeant with a specialty receives 150 rubles a month.

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- e. A chief of a frontier post receives 1,500 rubles a month.
- f. A commandant receives 2,800 to 3,000 rubles a month.
3. Border guards receive political lectures nightly, which last from two to three hours; political lectures are given during the day on Mondays and Fridays. Guards receive about one month of leave a year. If sentenced to the guardhouse for disciplinary punishment, inmates are fed bread and water every other day. Border guards are required to be Communist Party members, or to apply for membership in the party. Guards who are too young to belong to the party are required to be members of the Komsomol.
  4. Border guard training includes courses in horsemanship, life in the desert, tracking, communications, and the maintenance of communications. One such training installation is located at Mary (N37-35, E61-50), where there is also a school for border guard senior sergeants. Those draftees born in 1928, who were called up for service in 1948 and sent into the border guard service, were trained at the school at Mary.
  5. [redacted] the depth of the area for which the border guards are responsible, [redacted] is rather wide since patrols were sent at great distances from the border toward the interior of the USSR.
  6. The "Secret Section" of the frontier troops interrogates Turkmen, or other indigenous people living in the frontier area, who are caught smuggling or otherwise evading laws.

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1. There is an aviation regiment based at a military airfield at Kyzyl Arvat (N38-58, E56-15). [REDACTED]  
The airfield [REDACTED] have a large number of hangars, and has single, two, and four-motored aircraft. 25X1
  2. There are three airfields at Mary (N37-35, E61-50), two military and one civilian.
  3. There is a small airfield located in Kaine Kasir (N38-14, E56-56), and another at Kara Kala (N38-27, E57-25).
  4. Ashkhabad (N37-57, E58-23) has four airfields. Two of them are located north of the city. A military training field is located south of the city, while the civil airfield is to the west of Ashkhabad.
  5. Between Takhta Bazar (N35-57, E62-55) and Dashkopry (not located), there is an airfield which is used by military and civilian aircraft.
  6. Seven kilometers east of Kushka (N35-16, E62-17) there is an airfield, immediately east of the village of Markanovka [REDACTED] 25X1
  7. In Krasnovodsk (N40-00, E53-00) there is an airfield, which is heavily guarded, as are the seven docks in the harbor. There is a forbidden area surrounding these installations, and they cannot be seen by outsiders.

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1.  anti-communism is difficult to note in the towns of the Turkmen SSR, as persons who are prone to raise criticism against the regime are quickly rounded up and sent to Siberia. 25X1
2. Many Turkmen who are against the government are  hiding out in the desert region east of Sultan Bent (N 37-09, E 62-30). However, their activity is not concerted, and is more in the nature of banditry and robbery. 25X1
3. Toward the end of 1948, a military aircraft caught fire near Bezmeim (N 38-05, E 58-12), forcing the pilot to bail out. He was driven along by the wind and landed in the desert. Three days later a searching party found him hanging from a tree, stripped of his clothing and sidearms. It is probable that not only Soviet military personnel but anyone unfortunate enough to fall into the hands of these Turkmen would receive the same treatment.

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